REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-50 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants amended Claims 1, 8-10, 28, 30, 39, 41, 45 and 49-50 and added Claims 51-52. In the present Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 21 and 41. No claims have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-52 are currently pending in the application.

II.   Rejection of Claims 1-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has previously rejected Claims 1-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,112,183 to Swanson, *et al.* (Swanson). The Applicants respectfully disagree since Swanson does not teach or suggest a data processing system implemented method for managing data of an enterprise network that includes a plurality of ancillary systems and an enterprise data processing system as recited in independent Claims 1 and 21, or the enterprise data processing system as recited in independent Claim 41.

Swanson provides an interface to retrieve health care transaction information. (Abstract). Swanson does not, however, teach or suggest the information is stored in an ancillary system and a data processing system. On the contrary, Swanson teaches that the information is stored in a single server. (Column 6, lines 37-50 and Figure 4). Additionally, Swanson does not teach or suggest determining conduciveness of the information from the server being processed. Instead, once the server having the information is located, the information is returned to the client. (Column 6, lines 51-65 and Figure 4).

Thus, Swanson does not teach or suggest identifying an ancillary system of the plurality of ancillary systems having data associated with the requested data item, wherein the data associated

with the data item is stored in the ancillary system **and** the data processing system. (Claims 1 and 21). Additionally, Swanson does not teach or suggest retrieving the data from the ancillary system or the data processing system based on determining whether the data stored in the ancillary system is conducive to being processed into the value. (Claims 1 and 21).

Regarding independent Claim 41, as discussed above, Swanson does not teach or suggest storing information in an ancillary system and a data processing system, and determining conduciveness to being processed. Accordingly, Swanson does not teach or suggest an ancillary system data transfer mechanism for transferring data from a plurality of ancillary systems to an enterprise database based on whether data stored in an ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a data item value as recited in Claim 41. Thus, Swanson also does not teach or suggest each and every element of independent Claim 41.

In summary, Swanson fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in independent Claims 1, 21 and 41 and Claims dependent thereon. Claims 1-52 are therefore not obvious in view of Swanson.
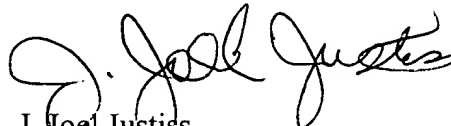
III.   Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing claims are allowable. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-52 is respectfully requested.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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